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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CORPS REQUESTS PROTECTION

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1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. WITH THE ENACTMENT OF PL 91-217, THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE UNIFORMED DIVISION (FORMERLY THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE) WAS CHARGED WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. THIS MANDATE IS CODIFIED IN TITLE 3, US CODE 202, AND WITH REGARD TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION READS IN PART..." (4) FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS LOCATED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA;..." THOSE MISSIONS
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LOCATED WITHIN THE DESCRIBED AREA ARE AFFORDED ROUTINE PROTECTION WITHOUT A REQUEST. THE BASIS FOR COVERAGE BEYOND THE AFOREMENTIONED IS THREAT POTENTIAL, OVERT TERRORIST ATTACKS OR RELATED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. THIS COVERAGE IS INCREASED BASED ON THESE FACTORS WITH OR WITHOUT A SPECIFIC REQUEST.

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B. AS A DULY ENACTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THE USSS/ UNIFORMED DIVISION IS A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND AS SUCH IS FUNDED BY THE US GOVERNMENT.

C. THE LAW (3USC 202, QUOTED ABOVE) SPECIFICALLY STATES "FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS". THIS IS INTERPRETED TO MEAN ALL SITES DESIGNATED BY AN EMBASSY AS OFFICIAL OFFICES, PLUS THAT DESIGNATED AS THE OFFICIAL EMBASSY RESIDENCE. THIS LATTER IS USUALLY THE HOME OF THE AMBASSADOR. IN THE AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE, COVERAGE IS NOT ROUTINELY EXTENDED TO THE HOME OF THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. HIS ADDRESS MAY BE COVERED, HOWEVER, IF HIS EMBASSY ELECTS TO FORMALLY CHANGE ITS DESIGNATED OFFICIAL EMBASSY RESIDENCE FROM THAT OF THE AMBASSADOR TO THAT OF THE CHARGE. USSS/UNIFORMED DIVISION COVERAGE IS NOT NORMALLY EXTENDED TO THE RESIDENCE OF OTHER DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS OR TO QUASI OFFICIAL OFFICES SUCH AS AIRLINES, ETC.

D. THE NUMBER OF PREMISES VARIES AS THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES ACQUIRE OR TRANSFER PROPERTY, AT THE PRESENT TIME 385 LOCATIONS ARE ACCORDED PROTECTION AS MANDATED IN 3 USC 202. THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THIS PROTECTION ALSO VARIES DEPENDING UPON THE TYPE OF COVERAGE AND THE NUMBER OF PREMISES PROTECTED.

E. THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SAFETY OF ALL PERSONS AND PROPERTY WITHIN ITS JURIS-DICTION. ALTHOUGH OFFICERS ARE COGNIZANT OF DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES WITHIN THEIR AREAS, THEIR RESPONSE IS USUALLY ORIENTED TOWARDS A SPECIFIC THREAT OR EVENT WHICH IN EFFECT SERVES TO AUGMENT ROUTINE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY USSS/ UNIFORMED DIVISION. MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE AND OTHER SUBURBAN POLICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE A LIKE RESPONSIBILITY TO DIPLOMATIC SITES AND OFFICIALS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.
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